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FUNERAL OF THE VICTIMS OF THE COURRIERES COLLIERY DISASTER.



In a snow-covered field adjoining the cemetery at Lens a deep trench has been dug to receive the bodies of miners recovered from the Courrières Colliery. The above photograph shows the funeral of twenty-two, only a few of whom, however, could

be identified. The group on the mound seen at the back of the photograph includes the Deputy of the Department, who made an impassioned funeral oration, accusing the mining company of criminal carelessness.

BUILDING USED AS MORTUARY.



In the above shed the bodies recovered from the colliery are taken to await identification.

PATHETIC GROUP OF WIDOWS AWAITING NEWS.



At Lens whole streets of households have lost fathers and sons, and in some hardly an adult male is to be seen. Pathetic groups of widows and orphans stand about the streets waiting for news and bewailing their sad fate.

EVIDENCE.

10, Alerton Road, Hendon, Jan. 9, 1905.

"I have to testify to the surprising efficacy of your LUNG TONIC in complaints affecting the lungs, throat, and nasal organs. I have suffered severely with a thorough cold, which commenced three months ago, and has not yet entirely gone. During the fog of Christmas week it settled on my lungs to such an extent that I could hardly breathe. As my work is outdoor, I found something more searching than lozenges and gargles were necessary to procure relief. I have had your LUNG TONIC. I am glad to say I found immediate relief, and now, in the middle of the second bottle, I find myself cured, which I think is quite a remarkable testimony to the value of your valuable medicine. I have been taking all sorts of remedies, with only temporary results, for three months previous to trying your LUNG TONIC."

JAMES WILDE.

13, Smith Street, Newark.
"I have great pleasure in thanking you for the good remedy called LUNG TONIC. It was so good for coughs and colds, so I gave it a trial a fortnight ago. It has done me more good than all the remedies I have taken."

T. CROOM.

2, First Avenue, Naze Park.
Watson-on-the-Naze.

"I think it my duty to thank you for what your LUNG TONIC has done for me. I suffered with Asthma for four years very badly. Now I can say, thank God, I am quite free from the complaint, and if anybody is suffering from it, I would be pleased to say anything in favour of your great medicine."

19, Cawley Road, Uxbridge.
"A friend of ours persuaded my wife to buy me a bottle of your LUNG TONIC. I am no believer in patent medicines; in fact, am a homeopathist. But my usual remedies failed to touch this severe cold which I had contracted, and I was about to give up hope of getting any relief. The first dose, taken at bed-time, relieved me, and I shall certainly keep a bottle by me for future use, for my cold was better in a few days."

EDWARD COLE.

EVIDENCE.

Hilda Terrace, Hans Hill, Snowdon, Nov. 7, 1905.

"I feel so very thankful for the good OWBRIDGE'S LUNG TONIC has done for my little boy. He had pneumonia twice, and the doctors at the hospital told me he could not live. Then a friend of mine asked me to try your LUNG TONIC, and the change was wonderful. His cough was terrible; now he never coughs at all unless he gets a cold; then I give him a dose, and he is soon well again. He is getting stronger every day. If you are sure we can have it sent to me. I cannot tell anyone how sorry I am I did not hear of it before. I can tell everybody I can about it. I feel I cannot talk about it enough. Please forgive me writing to you, but I feel sure you would know the good it has done, and how very grateful we feel."

(Mrs.) E. TANNER.

1, Battledean Road, Highbury, N., March 21, 1905.
"I had lung trouble after a cough for twenty-five years, and tried several cough mixtures and doctors. I was told about your LUNG TONIC three years ago, and before I had taken the fourth bottle my cough left me. I was troubled with a cough three weeks ago. I sent for two bottles, and the cough left me again. I recommend it to all I can, and I bless the day I took your LUNG TONIC."

J. E. TINTIMAN.

Saves Many Lives.

The Cheapest, Safest, most up-to-date, most effective, and therefore the most trusted, and best known remedy in the world for Chills, Coughs, Colds, and Throat and Chest Affections.

ESTABLISHED 31 YEARS.

Some proofs of what those who use Owbridge's Lung Tonic think of it are given in the margin. Its universal reputation and enormous success are the best proof of its value.

EVIDENCE.

August 10, 1905.

"I thought I must write you a line to tell you how your LUNG TONIC has completely restored me to good health after seven doctors gave my case up as hopeless, and five years later. In August of 1900 I was going to go to the 'Mayflower,' when it began to rain very heavily. As the work was important I kept on and got soaked to the skin. When I went to work next day I felt so bad that I had to give up to go home. I sent for a doctor, who told me I had taken cold on the lungs, and advised me to keep warm in bed. I took nine bottles of medicine, but slowly got worse. I thought it would not be long before I would be a living death, but they did me no good. I tried six other doctors, but they did me more harm than good. My chums used to say, 'That poor chap is gone for this world.' Nervous prostration and Dyspepsia pulled me down to a shadow. My friends urged me to go to a London hospital, so I came up to Bayswater, and I was given a room to live in, so resolved to go home to die. Whilst waiting at Waterloo I got into conversation with a porter, who said, 'Why don't you try OWBRIDGE'S LUNG TONIC?' I said I would, and when I reached home I got a 4s. ed. bottle. The very first dose gave me confidence; I felt a peculiar warmth over my chest. In ten days' time I was able to take a walk, and my chums remarked how much better I looked. To make a long story short, I continued to take the medicine for six weeks. At the end of that time I found I was greatly improved, and could do much. At the end of two months I was again able to work. The first thing I did when able to get about was to hunt up the old porter at Waterloo, and said to him, 'I owe you a debt for the LUNG TONIC.' He need hardly say how grateful I feel to think there is such a wonderful medicine. If the public knew more about it there would be many lives saved and many relieved. Wishing you every success. You are at liberty to make any use you like of this, provided you do not lose my name or address, but you may refer anyone to me if you receive any inquiry, and I will give them full particulars."

"GRATEFUL ESTATE CARPENTER."

The OLD ORIGINAL and WORLD-FAMOUS LUNG TONIC**Owbridge's****FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.**

Blackheath, Birmingham.
"I am pleased to be able to state that we always give your TONIC to our children with good results, and believe that our eldest boy, who on two occasions, been restored from what seemed to be a chronic case of chest affection."

J. E. HARRIS.

22, Albany Terrace, Sleaford.
"My little boy, five years old, about three weeks ago had a very bad cough, which seemed to affect his lungs, and also took away his appetite. I sent for a bottle of your LUNG TONIC, and before he had taken half the contents the cough had entirely disappeared; also his appetite has returned, and he is now quite a different child. In my opinion it is a most valuable medicine."

A. AYTO.

Apsley House, Shillington, Hitchin,
March 13, 1905.

"I can safely recommend OWBRIDGE'S LUNG TONIC for coughs and colds. I have used it for about five years, and found it most beneficial with my children. They ask for it freely, and like taking it. I think I ought to give a testimonial, as I have found it most invaluable."

(Mrs.) P. W. PALMER.

200, Battle Road, Hollington, Hastings,
December 28, 1905.

"I wrote you some six years ago asking you then to give some details about your TONIC, and now I have derived from taking your LUNG TONIC. I am a Hairdresser and Ventrilocutist, and you know how annoying it is to be continually coughing. I have just had a very bad, a Biblical cold, and I confess I should have given up all hope of an engagement, but am glad to state that a few doses of your LUNG TONIC not only did me good and saved me some money, but made me feel good and well for the engagement."

FRANK LINDEN.

3, Albert Street, Ironville, nr. Alfreton,
January 13, 1906.

"I have used many cough mixtures, but I have found your LUNG TONIC is the best of all. I had had a cough for two months, but your LUNG TONIC has cured it at last. I thank you very much."

JOHN THOMAS PROTHERO.

The universal reputation and enormous success mentioned above have resulted in the usual following of imitations, substitutes, "just-as-goods," by which the public are sometimes misled. When you want something to cure a cold or cough, and the various troubles which usually arise in the first instance from damp or chil, ask for "Owbridge's," and do not be put off with any substitute.

This is the safest and surest way to recovery.

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W. T. OWBRIDGE, LTD.,

and sold by all Chemists, Storekeepers, or
Medicine Vendors everywhere.

In Bottles, at 1s. 1d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s.

Should there be the slightest difficulty in obtaining it the Lung Tonic will be sent post free on rec'd. i.e.
of the face value in stamps by W. T. OWBRIDGE, LTD., THE LABORATORY, HULL.

Ashby Street, Birmingham, Jan. 23, 1905.
"Out of gratitude for the benefits I have received from your LUNG TONIC I wish to thank you for testing it in the selling and healing power of the same. A friend of mine had a severe cold which did me no good, and recommended me to try your LUNG TONIC. I am pleased to say that before taking the whole of it I was much relieved from the distressing pains in my chest caused by so much coughing. The one small bottle completely cured me, and probably saved the heavy expense of a doctor's bill."

GEO. CLARKE.

South Kirkby, near Wakefield.

"I enclose portrait of my youngest child, who, I feel very delighted to say, has just recovered from Whooping Cough and Bronchitis. Nothing else but your celebrated LUNG TONIC has cured her. Not only cured her, but cured my other child, about four years old, and I feel so pleased that I have sent you this letter to use as you please."

(Mrs.) J. A. HEMMINGWAY.

Maple Cross, Rickmansworth, Jan. 21, 1905.

"I cannot speak too highly of your LUNG TONIC. I have never been without a bottle in the house for over twenty years. In fact, I can testify to its having saved my daughter's life, and I feel it to be my duty to recommend it to all I can."

E. COLLINS.

27, New Cavendish Street, Cavendish Square,
London, January 10, 1905.

"As you will see from the above address, I live in the very heart of the medical world. I have suffered from a severe cough, so I tried a bottle of your LUNG TONIC. Perhaps I need hardly say the doctors were adverse to my adopting such a remedy. I was largely helped along, I was prevailed upon to consult an eminent chemist specialist, who gave me a prescription and told me I was threatened with consumption. Result: Cough grew worse. I tried another medicine, and still as ever. I quite lost heart, till I thought—'Well, let them laugh.' I sent for another bottle of your medicine, and began to improve from the first dose. The fact speaks for themselves. All I wish any other sufferer should know is that great relief your remedy has afforded me."

Nurse A. HAMP ADAMS.

Royal Hotel, Cardiff, April 10, 1905.

"As I am enabled to thank you personally, I feel it my duty to send you this unsolicited testimonial as to your LUNG TONIC, which has cured a very nasty cough, contracted while travelling, this being my occupation. I honestly think that no medicine ought to be put with your LUNG TONIC as a preventive. After taking two bottles I feel quite a different person."

MAURICE WHIYD.

8, Alexandra Road, Sheerness-on-Sea,

May 5, 1905.

"I have found the LUNG TONIC a most effective remedy for sore throat in my own case, and in the case of many to whom I have recommended it. My little daughter, aged five, complained of sore throat, and I gave her a dose of your LUNG TONIC. To my surprise, Sore Throat symptoms developed, but she had no bad throat, for which I was bound to give credit to the dose of LUNG TONIC I had given her, which had nipped it in the bud."

(Rev.) J. H. HART.

6, The Sanctuary, Westminster,

December 4, 1905.

"I have frequently found great benefit from using your LUNG TONIC."

(Rev.) J. B. THOMAS, B.A.

IMPEACHMENT OF LORD MILNER.

Mr. Churchill Blames Him for
Flogging of Coolies.

THE CHINESE "TAP"

To Be Turned Off When Present
Contracts Expire.

The House of Commons last evening again debated the Chinese puzzle, and all the elements of party passion were astir.

First of all came the question of the flogging of the Chinese coolies. Replying to Sir J. Jardine, Mr. Churchill roundly stated that in authorising illegal punishment of that character Lord Milner committed a grave dereliction of public duty. He would ask the Secretary of State to inquire how far such unauthorised torture was inflicted.

Mr. Chamberlain received a direct "No, sir; we have no such intention," from the Premier in reply to his question whether the Government would appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the whole matter.

After sundry digressions, the House returned to the Chinese labour problem, of which there appears to be no end yet in sight. Major Seely remonstrated the question.

INTELLIGENT ANTICIPATION.

The Major, tall, fair, and handsome, bears a remarkable likeness to Mr. Forbes Robertson. His bearing, deep musical voice, and perfect parliamentary manner, combine to make him one of the foremost debaters in the popular Assembly.

He moved a reduction of the Vote for the Civil Departments to call attention to the Convention signed between this country and China on May 13, 1904.

It was clear, he said, that we had not been able to carry out our promises to the Chinese Minister that we would not flog the coolies or transfer them from one employer to another.

Amid expectant whispers, Mr. Churchill, who had been making notes, came to the box. A boyish blush suffused his cheeks as he glanced at the reclining form of Mr. Balfour and the ex-ministers on the Opposition Bench. He made an interesting statement.

The Government had, he said, been most reluctantly forced to the carrying out of the 16,000 licences which a prudent forethought, or what he might call an intelligent anticipation of events, had secured for the mienowers.

THE TRANSVAAL ASSEMBLY.

"These licences will have worked out in June or July, and instructions will then be given to the Consuls in China to cancel the delegation of their power to the Transvaal agents. (Ministerial cheers.)

"This will turn off the tap," added Mr. Churchill with a winning smile, "and it would be easy to calculate when, by the expiration of the licences, the coolies will be sailing once more for their own country."

"Will the tap ever be turned on again?" queried the Under-Secretary. He himself answered the question. "It depends in the first place on the Transvaal Assembly." (The Tories cheered ironically.)

The Government would fix a day when the existing labour ordinances would come to an end, and the new Assembly would have to formulate fresh proposals.

"It is time," concluded Mr. Churchill—pressing his hands upon the brass-fringed box—"it is time we cease wringing our hands over the prospect of Chinese labour lost, and with manful energy sought to discover some less unnatural substitute."

A HYBRID POLICY.

A sharp cheer came from the Unionists. Mr. Balfour was "up." The ex-premier spoke with more than his accustomed gravity, with restless fingers tugging the lappels of his frock-coat. He dealt with Ministerial "subtleties" and twitted the Government with indulging in distinctions between slavery and semi-slavery and "other forms of manipulation which would puzzle a sixteenth century casuist."

Mr. Churchill held up his order paper and blushed and laughed behind it. The Premier toyed with his watch-chain and gazed with parted lips at the late First Lord of the Treasury. The men behind the Ministers laughed.

"A hybrid policy," commented Mr. Balfour. Then he spoke in warning voice. The Government were going to make the Colonies self-governing, and at the same moment informed them that as regarded their greatest industry they were not to be masters in their own house. They were going to be slaves to the Foreign Office, so far as China was concerned, and slaves to the Colonial Office so far as a future ordinance was concerned.

"Under the heel of Downing-street!" No Minister had tried to manage the British Empire

on those principles, and the Government would most unquestionably fail if they attempted a task that their predecessors had never tried.

Mr. Chamberlain followed Sir Edward Grey. Vigorously he hacked up his official leader. There were the strongest objections to interfering with self-governing Colonies. If the truth were told of the story of Chinese labour the moral sense of the House and the Empire would not be affronted.

LIBERAL BOMBHELL.

A bombshell burst from the Liberal benches. Amid the encouraging cheers of the Opposition, Mr. Ridsdale, one of the Liberal members for Brighton, delivered a spirited attack on the Government.

"We were going further and further in the direction in which there was the greatest danger. The financial aspect of the question might be serious."

"The Government has no mandate in regard to Chinese labour."

"Oh!" exclaimed his colleagues, amazed at the speech.

"Well," retorted Mr. Ridsdale, "why did you go into the lobbies yesterday and vote that the main issue was free trade?" The Government must leave the question for the Transvaal to settle alone. It was a serious thing to threaten the right of veto.

Ultimately Major Seely's amendment was withdrawn, and the Vote agreed to.

IRELAND TO LOSE 23 SEATS.

The committee appointed by Mr. Gerald Balfour, late President of the Local Government Board, to consider the subject of the redistribution of seats in the House of Commons, has just issued its report.

The committee finds that the best method of dealing with the anomalies at present existing is to raise the limit of population for separate representation of counties and boroughs to 25,000.

Canterbury is exempt, and under this scheme England would gain forty-nine members and lose twenty-nine; Wales would gain two and lose one; Scotland would gain seven and lose five; while Ireland would gain two and lose twenty-five. This would not alter the number of members.

PREMIER A FRIEND IN NEED.

With reference to the arrest of the three women suffragists last week, the Home Secretary explains, in a parliamentary paper, that the women were apprehended for disorderly conduct.

The action of the police was proper, and the women were only released on the personal intercession of the Prime Minister.

TWO NEW LABOUR PARTIES.

"The proposal to establish a National Liberal-Labour League has neither surprised nor disconcerted the Labour Party," said Mr. J. R. MacDonald, M.P., to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"We were the first to organise, and remain the original and independent party."

Considerable financial support has been promised the separate organisation, which is to represent the views of the Liberal-Labour members of Parliament.

"That men in the Liberal Party should agitate for the formation of a Liberal-Labour Party inside," said Mr. A. Henderson, M.P., "is, to my mind, the strongest justification for the existence of a Labour Party outside the Liberal ranks."

"It shows they are not satisfied with the Liberal Party, or why should they want to form this particular group?"

The National Unionist-Labour League was also called into existence at a meeting in St. Martin's Hall last night.

WHY "BIG BEN" STOPPED.

Big Ben's reason for ceasing work on his hands pointed to 2.17 was discovered yesterday.

"Upon searching for the cause of this unusual event," write Messrs. E. Dent and Co., the well-known clockmakers, "we found that some workmen, who appear to have been engaged in the periodical cleaning of the passages surrounding the clock-room, had inadvertently left a plank of their scaffolding in such a position that it was foul of the internal counterpoise of the hand as it travelled round, and so pulled the clock up."

"The clock was started going again, and we hope that its performance will not be disturbed by the accident."

£92,000 A YEAR "CRIBBED."

Mr. Herbert Samuel, M.P., received, on behalf of the Home Secretary, a deputation from the United Textile Factory Workers' Association, on the question of "cribbing time" in cotton mills.

It was explained that "cribbing time" meant the practice of keeping workers a few minutes after the main factories. By "cribbing" workers were cheated of no less than £92,000 a year.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, in reply, said undoubtedly "time cribbing" was notorious, and whatever could be done would be done to stop the practice.

Mrs. Austin Taylor, wife of Mr. Austin Taylor, M.P. for East Toxteth, died yesterday at Liver-pool.

ADMIRALTY'S £10,000,000 POLICY.

Significant Preparation Against Loss in Naval Manoeuvres.

The Admiralty yesterday decided to take out a policy for £10,000,000—one of the largest marine policies ever issued—to cover the nation's risk in consequence of the inclusion of merchant ships in the scheme of naval manoeuvres in June.

This is a highly significant indication of the thoroughness with which the manoeuvres are to be carried out.

Every effort will be made to make the conditions those of a suddenly-arising war. Steaming without lights at night will be the rule whenever possible, and the risk to both naval and commercial ships will obviously be very considerable.

The rate agreed upon, after discussion with a committee representative of the London underwriters, is 3s. 9d. per cent., so that the premium payable by the Admiralty will aggregate between £17,000 and £18,000.

One half of the whole policy has been allocated to members of Lloyds, while the other half has been offered to large marine insurance companies in London and Liverpool. The policy covers damage to ships of cargoes and demurrage.

In some quarters the opinion is expressed that the premium is not adequate to the risk, but the majority of the underwriters and insurance firms will agree to be represented in the policy, if only on patriotic grounds.

PRINCESS ENA'S FRIEND.

Daughter of the Late Duke of Edinburgh Visits the Future Queen of Spain.

Princess Henry and Princess Ena of Battenberg drove yesterday from Kensington Palace to Victoria to meet Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg, youngest daughter of the late Duke of Edinburgh, and niece to King Edward, who crossed from the Continent yesterday and travelled up to town by the boat-express, which reached the S.E. and C. terminus at about 5.15.

The royal visitor, who is the close personal friend of the future Queen of Spain, has come to England on a visit to the Princess and her mother, so as to spend some time with her friend before the latter's marriage.

The royal ladies exchanged most affectionate greetings, and on leaving the station drove together to Kensington Palace. Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg accompanies Princess Henry and Princess Ena to the Isle of Wight to-morrow.

"ALL BLACKS'" LARGE PROFITS.

Victorious Tour in the Old Country Results in a Surplus of £9,500.

The receipts from the tour of the New Zealand Rugby football team, says Reuter, showed an excess of £9,500 over the expenditure.

"We scarcely hoped to cover our expenses," said Mr. G. H. Dixon, to the *Daily Mirror* on the day the team left England.

"The generous appreciation by the Press of the skill of our men spelt success for the team from the start, and we were grateful to the few London special critics, including 'Touch Judge' of the *Daily Mirror*, who went to Exeter to give us a start."

To whom do the profits of the tour go? is the question often heard. As the New Zealanders were rigidly amateur, the surplus funds will be divided amongst the various controlling bodies of the game in the Colony.

GANG OF NAVVIES BLOWN UP.

Pickaxe Strikes Gelignite Charge, Which Explodes, Killing Three and Injuring Four.

One of a gang of navvies digging in a cutting of the new Dearne Valley railway, three miles from Doncaster, yesterday, struck with his pick a concealed gelignite charge, which exploded with terrific force.

Three men, named Pratt, Farrell, and Thomas, were killed, one having his head blown off, and four others were seriously injured.

THE PRINCE PLANTS A TREE.

QUETTA, Wednesday.—The Prince of Wales today planted a hawthorn-tree on the spot where Sir Robert Sandeman first pitched his tent on his arrival at Quetta.

The Prince and Princess will leave for Karachi on Friday morning.—Reuter.

SEIZED WITH FATAL ILLNESS IN PULPIT.

The Rev. Richard Waters, who was seized with paralysis while conducting the service at Claremont United Methodist Free Church, Scarborough, on Sunday, died yesterday.

MR. POLDEN WILL STAND AGAIN.

Victim of Basingstoke Mob's Fury on His Experiences.

"TWISTING" THE VOTE.

"When I knew that I could not possibly win the Basingstoke seat, I gave orders that my motor-cars should collect votes for Mr. T. C. Salter, K.C., the Unionist candidate, who did eventually win."

This statement, which Mr. Ernest Polden made to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, partly accounts for the fury, resulting in wild scenes after the declaration of the poll, of the partisans of Mr. H. W. Verney, the Liberal candidate, who would have carried the poll if he had secured the votes cast for Mr. Polden, the Independent Liberal.

"Mrs. Salter personally thanked me for the good I had done her husband's cause," continued Mr. Polden, with some satisfaction.

I went into the constituency with forty motor-cars and about twenty-four-in-hand coaches. I saw, however, that I had no chance whatever to win, and that the voting between the others was going to be close, and so I told my men that we must stop at any cost. We thereupon carried voters to the poll for Mr. Salter, whom I very much esteem, and who will make a worthy representative of the constituency.

WHAT MOB MIGHT HAVE DONE.

"The mob were so wild that I'm sure they would have killed me outright if I had not had excellent police protection and escaped in an omnibus by a ruse. While the crowd waited for me at the front door of the town hall at Basingstoke, I got away by the back and drove with my brother to Hook, where another too warm reception was awaiting me."

"At the station I chartered a special train—an unlighted third-class carriage—in which my companion and myself got to Farnborough, where I had friends."

Mr. Polden's fighting spirit is thoroughly aroused. "I have written to ask when the next by-election will take place," he said, "for I shall surely run again."

"I am a free-trader through and through, and the electors were not in the dark as far as my policy was concerned. My election literature and posters were attracting attention all over the constituency and deputations from the central party committee rooms in London came down to get pointers from my electioneering advertising.

KNOWS "THE GAME."

"I worked practically day and night for twenty days. In the end I had the satisfaction of accomplishing my purpose—I twisted the vote in such a way that the unexpected happened, much to the regret of certain persons."

"I have been in politics for thirty years, and I should know the game pretty thoroughly by this time. There are few 'tricks in the trade' which are unknown to me; so that I was not in this contest with my eyes shut by any means."

"As I said in one of my posters: 'Polden may be suffering from a sore ear, but is he down-hearted?—No.'

"You know I was hit on the ear with a clod of mud at Basingstoke," he concluded, involuntarily raising a hand to the side of his head.

SALVATIONIST OFFICERS RECALLED.

Two Salvation Army officers at Aldershot, who wrote to Mr. Polden wishing him success in his candidature, have been reprimanded and recalled from their appointments.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia arrived at Mombasa yesterday, and took train for Lake Victoria.

The German Reichstag yesterday agreed to a Radical motion for the removal of the restrictions upon the right of association for women.

Another schoolgirl committed suicide at Calais yesterday, making the second case of the kind within a week. A third girl, aged fourteen, has been missing since Saturday.

The Kwangsi rebel leader, having been extradited to the Chinese authorities, has been headed at Canton, together with three men implicated in the attack upon the house of Dr. Beattie, the American missionary, at Pait.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is—Variable to southerly winds; fair early, with keen frost; milder and unsettled later; rain at times.

Lightning-up time, 7.1 p.m.

Sea passages will be smooth to moderate in the south and east; rough in the west.

MYSTERY OF A HUSBAND'S DEATH.

Jury Disagree in the Norfolk Murder Trial.

REMARKABLE STORY.

"Either the prisoner is a woman innocently accused, or she is one of the world's greatest criminals, worthy of a plate beside Lucrezia Borgia or Agrippina."

This was the alternative placed by Mr. Ernest Wild, barrister, before the jury at the Norwich Assizes yesterday. Mr. Wild was defending Mrs. Rosa Kowen, charged with the murder of her husband under circumstances of peculiar atrocity.

It was alleged by the prosecution that she first killed Kowen and then set fire to her house with a view to concealing the crime.

The jury felt themselves unable to solve the mystery, and decide in which category to place Mrs. Kowen. After consulting an hour and a half they announced through their foreman that they were unable to agree, and that there was no chance of agreement.

Mr. Justice Lawrence: The jury is discharged, and the case will be postponed till the next assizes.

The prisoner—a stout, matronly woman close on forty years of age—flushed painfully as the jury came in court, but listened quite stolidly to the announcement, showing no visible sign of relief. She had displayed more emotion during her counsel's address, at the close of which she wept bitterly.

MR. WILD'S REMARKABLE SUCCESS.

This is the second sensational murder case in which Mr. Wild has been successful, if not in securing an acquittal, at least in preventing an agreement among the jury. The other and more striking instance was the famous Peasenhall murder trial, when a man was twice arraigned at Ipswich for the murder of Ross Harsten, and on both occasions the jury disagreed. Mr. Wild was counsel for the accused, and his eloquent and impassioned speech seemed almost hypnotic some members of the jury.

In yesterday's case Mr. Wild's powers of persuasion were exerted to the full. In order to save his client, he had to weaken or demolish the following striking points in the theory for the prosecution:

1. There had been quarrels between Kowen and his wife.

2. She had been heard to wish him dead.

3. Kowen was comfortably off for a man in his position, and had made provision for his wife in case of his death.

4. When the fire was discovered at the house, Mrs. Kowen was fully dressed.

5. The fire had been started in the corner where the dead man's body was found. It was an incendiary fire.

6. There was a blood-stained hammer, and a small mark of blood was found on Mrs. Kowen's clothing.

INGENIOUS DEFENCE.

This formidable list of suggestions Mr. Wild either argued away, or met by counter-suggestions.

He argued:

1. That Mrs. Kowen had no adequate motive to kill the family's breadwinner.

2. That she had neither strength nor courage for such a crime.

3. That no woman could have committed such an atrocious murder and kept her reason. Her conduct after the tragedy was that of an innocent woman. Her first inquiry was, "Where is Jimmy?"

4. That the crime was probably the work of a man from outside, and that the motive was robbery. Kowen often carried £20 in his purse, and someone who knew his habits might easily have entered the house.

5. That Mrs. Kowen's clothes had no blood on them, except a stain on her blouse, which was consistent with her statement as to her child's nose bleeding.

The judge pointed out in plain language the arguments against the murder having been committed by a man from outside. The object of such a man would be to go home as quickly as possible. Every moment he remained was one of peril. Why should he light a bonfire to conceal his crime, or clean the hammer with which the deed was done? His Lordship also pointed out that Mrs. Kowen stood to benefit to the extent of £58 and £10 a year.

The jury, however, could not come to a satisfactory conclusion. It now remains to be seen whether her second trial will really take place, or whether the Treasury will intervene with a nolle prosequi, as after the second trial in the Peasenhall case.

FATHER GAPON'S BROTHER.

Sergeant Gapon (reputed to be the brother of the famous Father Gapon), against whom an execution order was issued by the Eastbourne magistrates has been released from prison, the Secretary of State declining to enforce the order.

INDIAN MENACE.

Natives' Riles Made Harmless, Lest Their Hatred of English Should Flame Out.

A correspondent writes from Chin Koorie, Assam, India:

Hostile manifestations by the natives against the Europeans in this district are giving serious cause for alarm.

Were it not for the constant presence and vigilance of the troops, and the unlimited precautions which are taken to prevent any outbreak, there is small doubt that the smouldering discontent and hatred of Europeans, only too apparent, would burst into flame and spread as rapidly as did the great mutiny, with, perhaps, as terrible consequences.

The attitude of the natives is of greater significance, in view of the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales in the country.

Quite recently an Englishman was mobbed by an infuriated crowd of natives, and was compelled to fly for his life.

The regulations as to the security of rifles have to be most strictly enforced. Nobody is permitted to leave the bolt in his rifle, and a man is told off to see that it is taken out, and securely put away, so that the rifle, if stolen, may be useless. All firearms have to be similarly safeguarded.

Fears are being expressed as to the inadequacy of military protection, for if the troops were to be called away, only a few European civilians would escape with their lives. As it is, we are all prepared to quit the country at a moment's notice.

This may come as a surprise to stay-at-home politicians, but it is none the less a problem which we, who are on the spot, are only too vividly aware of.

HOUSE OF COMMONS WAISTCOATS.

Puritan Plainness of the Majority Contrasted with Fancy Styles Favoured by Hebrew M.P.s.

"The most conspicuous feature of the present parliamentary vest is the lack of bright colours," says the "Tailor and Cutter."

"The young and dressy members seem to have selected plain black and white stripes, or some design which has a large proportion of white; but those who have studied comfort or utility wear many other shades of colour. There are several blue shades, some maroon, a few blues overcheckered with a black."

"Some of the Jewish members favour the fancy vest, and, as a rule, display good taste."

EARLIER HOURS FOR PARLIAMENT.

England Keeps the Latest Hours in the World—America a Bad Second.

Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., does not need to search far for arguments in support of his plea for earlier hours in the House of Commons.

In only two other countries—Denmark and Italy—does the hour of opening sittings later than England, and there business is concluded within three or four hours.

The times allotted to the sittings of other Parliaments are as follows:

Austria	11 a.m. to 4 or 5 p.m.
Belgium	10.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and 4 to 5.30 p.m.
Denmark	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
England	2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
France	2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Germany	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Italy	3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Japan	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Netherlands	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Spain	8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
United States	12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

To ask our members to follow Switzerland's example would be too much, but Mr. Thorne's suggestion that a sitting commence at 12 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. is entirely reasonable.

£70,000 FROM "SELF-DENYING" HOST.

England's Swelling Contribution to the Salvation Army's Great Fund.

During its annual self-denial week, which begins on Saturday, the Salvation Army expects to raise £70,000 in England alone.

"The remarkable fact about this great contribution," said Commissioner Nicol to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "is that nearly all comes from the poor. When the idea was originated by General Booth in 1888, £12,633 was collected; last year the amount was £63,310."

"The £70,000 will go for slum and rescue work and missionary undertakings in distant lands."

STUDENTS PROTEST IN THEATRE.

At the Leeds Tivoli Music-Hall yesterday an exciting scene occurred. Dr. Bodie, an American, styled the "bloodless surgeon," was performing, when a number of indignant students and others tried to interrupt the proceedings.

The disturbance lasted half an hour, and then the police forcibly ejected the interrupters.

ENTOMBED MINERS.

Expert Believes Some of French Victims May Be Rescued.

SHADOW OF A STRIKE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Wednesday.—There is still hope that more men may be rescued from the mine at Courrières, where the fearful disaster took place on Saturday.

At present the official death-roll has been placed at 1,100, but hopes are raised by the opinion of the engineering expert who was sent to investigate the catastrophe on behalf of the "Journal."

"I am absolutely convinced," wires this gentleman, "that there are men still alive in the mine, especially in the remote galleries of No. 3 Pit, and probably also in different places near the shafts. Unfortunately, the work of searching for them is greatly impeded by the falls of roof."

The Government are doing all they can in the matter. For the immediate relief President Félix Faure has subscribed £400, and each member of the new Cabinet has given £20, in order that relief may at once be afforded to the sufferers.

I am informed that other and larger schemes of assistance will be placed on foot directly the movement can be organised on a thoroughly sound and business-like basis. The catastrophe was one of the chief subjects of discussion at the Cabinet Council to-day, and all the responsible Ministers are being informed as to the development of events.

WHITE MICE SENT DOWN.

Rather slow progress is being made with the recovery of the bodies, owing to the great difficulties which confront the gallant little regiment of rescuers. A friend of mine who interviewed a number of these men told me to-day that they are still hopeful of reaching some of their entombed comrades in time to save their lives.

White mice, peculiarly sensitive to the potency of fumes, are being sent down the pits in order that the rescuers may gauge the power of the gases which permeate the mine, and the engineers have at their disposal, in addition to several staffs of native colliers, two corps of Paris firemen and two staffs of Westphalian miners.

Whilst these miners are perfectly willing to risk their lives for their fellows, an unsettling feeling has swept over all the mining population in this and other districts. A great strike is threatened because the miners have not been awarded the 10 per cent. increase of wages which they have demanded.

A strike has already been declared in the Pas de Calais coal mines, and this affects 5,000 miners. It is feared that the disaffection will spread.

In the meantime the coal proprietors of the north of France, fearing a general shortage, are, I am told, placing large orders with Welsh firms.

HANGING THE ROKEBY VELASQUEZ.

Famous Picture Carefully Guarded and Placed in Position by Distinguished Experts.

At last the Rokeby Velasquez, as it is commonly known, is in the safe keeping of the National Gallery.

The arrival yesterday of the famous picture from the New Gallery was quiet and unobtrusive. At midday a van pulled up at the back of the Gallery, and the "Venus and Cupid" was carefully removed, and taken to Room 14.

Fully half the pictures in this room were removed from their places and hung elsewhere on Tuesday, and yesterday there was more changing of positions, the work being carried on under the critical eyes of Lord Brownlow, the Earl of Plymouth, and Mr. John Murray Scott (trustees of the Tate Gallery), Sir Charles Holroyd (keeper of the Tate Gallery), and Mr. Hawes Turner (keeper of the National Gallery).

The "Venus and Cupid" now occupies the centre of the west wall, immediately facing the door.

READY TO DO CHINAMEN'S WORK AGAIN.

The six Chester men, who have just returned from the Transvaal, where they were sent by Mr. Mond, M.P., to work for six months in the mines, visited the lobbies of the House of Commons yesterday, and were the centre of much interest.

One said that he was prepared to return to the mines.

REMAND IN WELSH TRAGEDY.

Rowland Llywarch, milk-seller, of Bermondsey and Shepherd's Bush, London, was remanded at Woolwich yesterday charged with the murder of John and Mary Evans, the aged couple of Foll Llywd, Garthbeicio, Montgomeryshire.

Although he appeared rather dazed, he had improved somewhat in appearance since the inquest.

Telegrams from North Uist received in Edinburgh last night intimate a serious rising of the cottars in the Lochar district of the Southern Uist.

LINKING UP LONDON.

Agitation for Through Bookings Between the Various Tube Railways.

Complaints continue to be received from all quarters that no system of through booking exists between the Waterloo and Baker-street, and the Central London, and Metropolitan District Railways.

By means of the junction stations of these railways passengers are enabled to travel under cover from almost any part of London to any other, yet many people who would undoubtedly make use of this means of transit do not do so because they find that they have to put up with the inconvenience of rebooking at the junctions, and, in many cases, of paying full fare on two lines, when they travel but a short distance on each.

The introduction of a 3d. transfer ticket between the Baker-street and the Central London tube railway would be a mutual benefit to both company and passenger.

The general manager of the Central London considered that this would be quite possible, and the fact that Mr. John Young is general manager of both the Metropolitan District and Baker-street and Waterloo Railways points to an early arrangement for facilitating traffic between those two lines.

Through booking exists between the City and South London and the City and Great Northern tube railways, which have a junction at Moorgate-street, and it is not likely that the new railway will lag behind these two in its methods of attracting passengers.

BIRDS FOR THE SULTAN.

English Aviaries and Fowlhouses Supply Abdul Hamid II. with Some Fine Specimens.

The Continental boat-train, which steamed out of Victoria Station yesterday, contained a curious and musical freight.

From some of the vans emanated the mixed orchestra of a number of British birds, which are on their way to Constantinople at the request of the Sultan of Turkey.

Abdul Hamid II. requested a collection, not only of our best song birds, but of chickens and the like, and for this purpose some of the best aviaries and fowlhouses of the kingdom have been depleted of several of their best specimens.

It is understood that they are to grace the harem of the Turkish monarch, and they will be, during the journey, under the supervision of a young Englishman.

"WALKING PARSON'S" ADVENTURES.

Tells How He Walked Through "Unmapped Europe" Without a Change of Clothing.

"An Englishman is everywhere well received," said the Rev. A. N. Cooper, of Filey, the well-known "walking parson," in an interesting lecture at Leeds last night.

He told of how he left Filey with a stick and a knapsack weighing only 8lb., and walked through "unmapped Europe" across the Pyrenees, doing an average of twenty-seven miles a day. He had been drenched to the skin many a time, but in all his life he had paid a doctor only half a crown, and that was for certifying that he was well. He never changed a change of clothing, and at one village inn after heavy rain he was told by the landlady to go to bed. He did not wish to do this, and as the landlady was a widow and had no men's clothing about the house he borrowed two of her skirts, which took him fifteen minutes to fasten.

The reverend pedestrian has arranged to walk through London during his next holidays.

MARCH'S RELENTING MOOD.

Wintry Spell Continues, but Gales Are Subsiding and Floods Less Frequent.

Brighter weather was experienced over the country yesterday, although the frost was severe, and snow fell in many districts.

The gales also subsided considerably, and, although the tides were still high, floods were less frequent.

Shipping casualties were fewer. The crew of the ketch President Garfield were saved by the Bude, Cornwall, lifeboat. One member of the crew of the Hull trawler Golden Eagle, says Reuter, lost his life through the sinking of the vessel near Reykjavik.

"WHO'S WHO ON THE STAGE."

This is a personal age, and the latest help to let us know all about everybody else is "Who's Who on the Stage," an annual which will be published for the first time at the end of this month.

Nearly 400 pages will be devoted to condensed biographies of prominent actors, managers, composers, critics, and all who are connected with the stage.

WAS MARRIAGE A DREAM?

Curious Defence Raised in Jactitation Suit.

HUSBAND'S ALIBI.

By the magic of a simple-sounding question from counsel the Divorce Court yesterday was suddenly transported into the fairyland of dreams.

Had a burglar, supposed to have appeared in a Bootle bedroom towards the end of the last century, a material substantial existence, or was he a part of a servant girl's dream?

To the answer to this question Mr. Shee, K.C., who was cross-examining Mrs. Trevor, the central figure of the "marriage jactitation" case, attached great importance, for Mrs. Trevor herself was the servant girl to whom the dream, or the reality, was made manifest.

Mrs. Trevor says that she was married to Mr. Thomas Henry Ascroft, son of a former Mayor of Bootle, under the name of Trevor in 1901. Her "jactitated husband" repudiates the statement, and asks the Divorce Court to grant an injunction restraining Mrs. Trevor for ever from repeating her claim.

The Dream Introduced.

It was presumably with a view to supporting his contention that Mrs. Trevor is capable of imagining things, such as marriages, that never took place that Mr. Shee introduced the dream. The wedding at the Manchester Registry Office on December 10, 1901, might have been a dream, or, at any rate, the identification of Mr. Ascroft with the bridegroom might have so been.

Mrs. Trevor, whose eyes are practical rather than dreamy, had, after protest at being questioned about these matters, said that when in her teens she was in service in the household of her father's employer.

"Wasn't there some brother?" said Mr. Shee.
"The brother doesn't concern this case," replied Mrs. Trevor sharply.

But Mr. Shee was determined to hear about it.
"I was supposed to have had a dream," said Mrs. Trevor reluctantly.

Being pressed to divulge the dream; real or supposed, she said that she woke up in the night suddenly, and there appeared to be an intruder in her room. She gave an alarm and roused the household.

The next day she left, although she was asked to stay. In her opinion the intruder was a reality not a visitor who had come from the ivory gate.

Mr. Shee asked the young woman whether she had repeated the story of her dream, and her deductions therefrom, at a school to which, purporting to be a young widow, she was sent to improve her education by Mr. Ascroft, who admits that she had a claim on his consideration.

Mrs. Trevor denied that she had spoken of the dream, but she admitted that she once posted a letter for one of the young lady pupils, a Miss Elsie.

Education at School.

But she had not posted a letter for a Miss Gladys, nor had she said: "You know I didn't, dear," when Miss Elsie herself, having owned up, told her before the mistress, that she, Mrs. Trevor, had done the posting.

Mr. Shee: You were supposed to be a widow at the school. When you went away for a week you did not tell them that you had gone to see your boy.

When his turn came the "jactitated husband," Mr. Ascroft, denied the marriage story. He gave a detailed account of how he had spent, at Bootle among his father's workmen and his business acquaintances, the day, December 10, 1901, when Mrs. Trevor says he was miles away being married at Manchester.

The hearing was adjourned.

WORK ON THE NELSON COLUMN.

Steeplejack Has To Pay Florists for Recommendation of Him to Navy League.

One must pay sometimes for the privilege of being allowed to work. This fact was impressed on William Larkins, a steeplejack, in the Brompton County Court yesterday.

He was sued by Messrs. Bellgrave and Co., florists, who said that he had promised them 20 per cent. commission if they used their influence with the Navy League to get him the work of repairing the Nelson Column in Trafalgar-square.

A verdict was given by consent for the florists for £25 and costs.

BELATED VACCINATION SUMMONS.

At Burnley Richard Howarth pleaded that the child in respect of whose non-vaccination he was summoned died three years ago. The case was dismissed.

£3,600 FOR NELSON RELIC.

Owner Says He Is Prepared To Sell It To Nation for Same Sum.

Nelson's famous memorandum to the fleet, on the eve of Trafalgar, in the hero's handwriting, and bearing his signature, was sold at Christie's yesterday, for £3,600, to Mr. Frank Sabin, of Shaftesbury-avenue, who told the *Daily Mirror* that he is prepared to sell this precious relic to the nation for the exact price he gave for it.

It was written on the Victory, off Cadiz, on October 9, 1805, and foreshadowed the plan of attack at Trafalgar. The interesting feature is that no provision appears in the document for anything but victory.

The sale room was crowded, when, amid a burst of expectation, the first bid of £250 was made. Up went the bidding until it approached £3,000, and then Mr. Sabin joined the contest, his chief opponent being Mr. Quaritch.

At £3,400 there was a pause. A minute, and "500" came from Mr. Quaritch. Then Mr. Sabin put in the final bid, and the contest ended.

One of the official copies of the great memorandum addressed to William Lechmere, Esq., captain of H.M.S. *Thunderer*—was sold immediately afterwards for £280.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Sabin to the *Daily Mirror*, "that this document, which is of the greatest national and historic importance, and quite the most interesting document I have ever had, should ultimately be in the possession of the nation."

"And I will authorise you to say this," he continued quietly. "I am prepared to offer this document to the nation—to the British Museum or some public museum—at the exact price I gave for it, and no more."

"I am not doing this because I could make no profit on it in the ordinary way. Were I to sell it privately I could undoubtedly make a big profit."

"But it must be clearly understood that I cannot keep this offer open indefinitely. At any time I may have a big offer from a rich private collector."

JOHN BRIGHT'S GRANDSON.



Mr. Roth, John Bright's grandson, killed by an escape of steam at Bright's Mills, Rochdale.

HOME LIFE OF APPEAL JUDGE.

Further Details of Case Brought by Stepdaughters Against Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton.

The appeal against Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton in the Court of Appeal was continued yesterday. The appellants are his stepdaughters, Mrs. Kenneth Grahame and Miss Winifred Thompson, who are seeking to cancel the judgment of Mr. Justice Joyce ordering an account to be made in respect of the estate of their late mother, the wife of Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton, but permitting an adequate allowance to be debited against them for maintenance in their stepfather's home for a period of fourteen or sixteen years after their mother's death.

The plaintiffs contended that they ought not to have to pay for maintenance.

It was common ground, Mr. Lush, K.C., said on behalf of the ladies, that at the beginning of his professional career the mother of the plaintiffs maintained the defendant for years. After her death he took an equal share with the plaintiffs in the income and capital which Mrs. Moulton left, and he had the whole of the furniture and works of art. Now was it, or was it not, right to say that there was no fault at all in the plaintiffs' view that, as their mother had maintained him, so he was maintaining them? That was the whole case.

Mr. Lush remarked that he had not gone into these family matters without great reluctance.

LICENSEE OF THE SPANIARDS FINED.

The Highgate magistrates yesterday inflicted a fine of 40s. and costs on the licensee of the famous Spaniards hotel, at Hampstead Heath, for keeping open during prohibited hours.

The Home Secretary is to be petitioned to allow relatives and friends to interview remanded prisoners at Brixton Prison on Sundays, many finding it inconvenient to spare time on other days.

"FURNISHERS'" CASE.

Plea That the Misses Jewell Understood Agreement.

K.C.'S LONG SPEECH.

"Oatsman," simple "Oatsman," is the proper pronunciation of Oetzmahn, the name of the defendants in the "Furniture Case."

"Oatsman" is what the brothers call themselves, so that the matter is definitely set at rest.

Moreover, Mr. George Young, counting-house manager to Messrs. Oetzmahn, who was the first witness in the defence yesterday, pronounced the name "Oatsman."

Mr. Young gave evidence that was foreshadowed in Mr. Dickens's opening speech which yesterday lasted another three hours and a half.

"Consolidated Agreement."

"I told the ladies," said Mr. Young, "their exact position when they made the agreements. When Miss Ellen Jewell wanted more furniture, and said that she could only pay a £15 instalment in place of the previous £10, I pointed out to her that in these circumstances there must be a 'consolidated agreement,' and that the balance owing from the previous agreement must be brought forward into the sum due under the new agreement. The ladies understood what I said."

The witness described how the ladies came to Hampstead-road and asked for furniture on the hire purchase system to the value of £900; how this was supplied to them, and how they came again for more furniture. He also told the court how they got into arrears.

Some amusement was caused in the afternoon by the production on the part of the defence of enormous sheets of paper covered with figures that were declared to make the intricacies of the hire purchase system as clear as daylight.

"This does not frighten me now," said the Judge, after devoting some time to the perusal of his sheet, which he deftly folded for convenience in reading.

Having been in court now for nearly a fortnight, the case is regarded as requiring change of air. This is possibly the reason, and not the return from circuit of other Judges, why to-day it will be removed to King's Bench Court III., whither Judge, jury, and all concerned will migrate.

BISHOP AND THE PUBLICANS.

Dr. Gore Is Reminded That Brewers Helped To Bring His See Into Existence.

Bishop Gore's recent reference to the publican's as a "disgusting occupation" evoked a protest at the meeting of the Beer and Wine Trade National Defence League in London yesterday.

The See of Birmingham, said Mr. George Miller, the president, would not have been brought into existence but for the money got from "the trade," and at the banquet to celebrate his installation Dr. Gore had on his left hand one of the largest brewers in Birmingham.

Yet fifteen months after his installation he flung back this insult to "the trade"! It is true that the Bishop had tried to qualify his words, and had said that he stated it was "often a disgusting occupation," but they were sorry he should ever have made such an accusation.

SEARCHLIGHT REACHES 7½ MILES.

With 40-H.P. Motor It Is Expected To Give a Twelve Million Candle-Power Light.

Leading officers in the French and German armies are testing a remarkably powerful searchlight, invented by a Mr. E. Cuenod.

The experiments, in conjunction with a 24-h.p. motor, are said to have provided a light of a million candle-power, the rays of which have been projected 7½ miles, rendering objects ½ mile distant distinctly visible.

It is anticipated that the new trials, for which a 40-h.p. motor will be used, will give a twelve million electric candle-power light.

DOG SHOW "SCANDAL."

The public examination of Mr. H. A. B. Deatly, in connection with prize claims at the Royal Aquarius shows of the Ladies' Kennel Association, was adjourned yesterday.

The Official Receiver intimated that he should apply for a warrant to arrest the debtor, who is in America, for his conduct was nothing less than a scandal.

CHASE AND ITS END.

John Murphy, a motor-car driver, was unable to appear at Willesden yesterday in answer to a charge of stealing a motor-car worth £225. He is still in hospital as a result of jumping from a window in trying to escape from the police.

PENSIONS IN PRACTICE.

Great Firm Inaugurates Scheme for Old Age Provision.

Cadbury Bros., Ltd., in connection with their cocoa works at Bourneville, near Birmingham, have now made definite arrangements for the establishment of a pension fund for the benefit of their male employees.

The fund will be supported by contributions by the employees varying from 2½ to 5 per cent. of their wages, and the company will pay to the fund contributions of an equal amount. Pensions are to become payable at the age of sixty, except in cases where arrangements are made for an employee to remain in the service of the company after pension age.

The amount of the annual pension will be 1 per cent. of the total amount of the employee's wages in respect of which he has made contributions, and will therefore depend on length of service.

Thus, an employee who has been a member of the pension fund for thirty years will, on attaining sixty, be entitled to a pension equal to £30 for every £100 of his average annual wages.

The company propose to inaugurate the fund by undertaking to pay over to it the sum of £60,000. It is believed that this capital sum will be sufficient to entitle all the existing male employees to pension benefits in respect of half of their period of service with the company up to the present time, without any payment from employees for such periods of service.

If an employee leaves the company's service before attaining pension age he will have returned to him all his own contributions with compound interest at 2½ per cent. Similarly, if a pensioner dies before receiving in pensions an amount equal to his own contributions with 2½ per cent. compound interest the balance will be paid to his representatives.

£2,000,000 FOR WORKMEN'S DWELLINGS.

Scheme for Utilising the Sutton Legacy To Be Submitted at Once.

The late Mr. W. R. Sutton, head of the great carrying firm, left the huge legacy of £2,000,000 to be devoted to the building of model dwellings for the working classes. This generous bequest received the attention of the Chancery Division Judge yesterday, and it was decided that the trustees should immediately submit a scheme to the Attorney-General.

Sir Robert Finlay said the trustees had discretion as to the amount of rent to be charged. The trustees had drawn out a scheme which they would like to proceed with at once, but the Attorney-General wanted a delay of two years while he consulted the Local Government Board. There was a sum of £645,000 lying idle in court.

The Attorney-General, Sir J. Lawson Walton, said that no scheme had yet been submitted to him, and as soon as this was done he would consider it.

PRISONS AS HOTELS.

Magistrate Laments Damage to Property by Men Who Prefer Gaol to the Workhouse.

"Here's a job for you. I have smashed a window and stolen these boots," remarked Samuel Butler, a homeless photographer, to a constable in Shaftesbury-avenue.

Evidence at the Marlborough-street Police Court showed that the man's self-accusation was quite true.

In committing Butler for trial, Mr. Denman remarked that since certain alterations had been made in prison discipline cases of wanton damage to property had been frequent before him; simply because men like the prisoner, who ought to go to the workhouse, preferred prison, which they regarded as a sort of hotel or lodging for their convenience.

A great deal of individual time and money, as well as loss to private individuals, was caused by such men as the prisoner, and unfortunately magistrates could not pass sentences adequate to stop the wrong-doing.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTERS TO VISIT AMERICA.

Colonel Trollope, of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, has notified Colonel Appleton, of the Seventh Regiment, New York, that his corps, which won the Vincent Challenge Shield at Bisley last year, will be prepared to defend the trophy in a return match at Creedmoor, Long Island, in October.

SMALL REASON FOR SUICIDE.

The Hampstead coroner commented yesterday on the triviality for the motive for suicide of Joseph Westley McCullen, who shot himself on Hampstead Heath on Sunday morning.

The unhappy man had lost two days' work for having overslept himself, and a letter was found on him saying: "Not out of work, but I prefer death. It is far better."

THE "MIDDLE CLASS" PARTY.

New Political Organisation To Be Formed To-Day.

ENEMY TO SOCIALISM.

A "middle-class political party" springs into being to-day. It will be formed at a meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel at 6.15 p.m.

It is a strictly non-party movement for the promotion and defence of the common interests of the middle classes generally, independent of creed, nationality, or of existing party politics.

"Our object," said Mr. L. P. Sidney, the hon. secretary to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "is to secure more direct and adequate representation in municipal affairs and in Parliament. It sounds almost absurd to say so, but it appears to be the first time it has ever been suggested that questions of importance should be discussed on their merits.

"Hitherto, important questions have always been relegated to the tender mercies of our political party or another, and have been opposed tooth and nail by the side that has not adopted them."

"The present House of Commons contains an enormous number of members who belong to the middle classes, but the actual interests of the middle classes as a distinct section are constantly and deliberately disregarded nowadays in favour of a tendency to a bad form of Socialism, which would level down rather than level up. One of the first things we shall do is to oppose any ill-advised extension of the suffrage by which the present proportionate representation would be injuriously decreased.

Tired of Party Politics.

"Another of our objects will be to secure a more equitable incidence of the income-tax, so that the burden shall not press unduly on the lower middle classes. Our great point is that we are not opposed to any class or party; we are simply uniting in our own defence."

"We hope, in time, to secure our own members in Parliament, who will represent the middle class interest, but just what that middle class interest will be left for that particular section to define when occasion arises."

"The great majority of thinking men nowadays are consciously or unconsciously tired of party politics. We want to discuss the great questions of the day not from the standpoint of Liberalism or Conservatism, but from the standpoint of common sense—to rescue them from the limbo of party and set them in the clear light of day."

To-night's gathering will constitute a provisional committee, and support will be invited from gentlemen willing to become honorary secretaries of local branches. What Labour has done for itself the middle classes are now exhorted to do for themselves.

Mr. Sidney, who is young and enthusiastic, hopes and believes the movement will mark the dawn of the true Constitutional democracy.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE OF DEFENCE.

Opposition to State and Municipal Socialism is the object of the Citizens' Defence League, whose committee met at the Junior Carlton Club yesterday for the purpose of further developing the movement.

GUINEAS FOR SNAPSHOTS.

Bluejacket's Photograph of Interesting Man-of-War Scene Selected To-day.

The amateur photograph published to-day is sent by Mr. B. E. Smith, H.M.S. Cumberland, who will receive half a guinea for the right of reproduction. In addition he becomes a candidate for the weekly prize of two guineas, awarded for the best photograph.

Mr. Smith's photograph shows an allegory of war on board a battleship.

Amateur photographers who wish to enter for the *Daily Mirror* snapshot competition should study the following rules:

For every photograph used we will pay half a guinea. No expenses should be sent in. Only prints will be considered.

Each photograph should bear upon the back the competitor's name, address and the word "Competition" and be enclosed in an envelope marked "Photograph Competition."

A stamped and addressed envelope must be sent with each photograph if the sender desires it to be returned, but then the writer of the Editor be responsible for the loss of photographs.

In order to simplify our system of book-keeping we shall only pay the money on the application of the photographer, who must cut his picture out of the *Daily Mirror*, and send it in with his request for payment.

"A PAIR OF SPECTACLES."

Mr. John Hare revived this delightful play at the Comedy Theatre last night. He is better than ever in it, and Mr. Grove's performance as the man from Sheffield seems also to have ripened with time.

It is in every way a capital evening's entertainment.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg and the Marquis de Villalobos, Spanish Ambassador, arrived at Dover from Calais yesterday and left for Victoria.

The War Office has decided that corporal punishment shall be entirely abolished in military prisons.

In connection with the "What is Whisky?" case, Islington Borough Council have decided to oppose the appeal of the defendants against the verdict.

Finsbury Borough Council is about to municipalise the infants' food depot hitherto carried on successfully by the local Social Workers' Association.

The Hon. George Coppin, who played on the London stage before the late Sir Henry Irving was born, has died at Melbourne at the age of eighty-seven.

Bystock House, a residence near Exmouth, erected by the late Mr. J. P. Bryce, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday, the damage amounting to many thousands of pounds.

Mr. Edmund Reaney applied at Stratford yesterday for aid in tracing his wife and three children, missing since February 25. At that date, he said, arrangements were complete for the whole family to go to Canada.

Creditors of Felix Henry May, a Roman Catholic priest, met at Bristol yesterday, when the debtor admitted failing on a previous occasion, paying no dividend, and not obtaining his discharge. He said that since his ordination twenty-one years ago his average income had not exceeded £50 a year.

THE DUCHESS OF PORTLAND AT FULHAM YESTERDAY.



The Duchess of Portland proceeding to open the Church Army Labour Depot, No. 625, Fulham-road, yesterday.

The Prime Minister has appointed Mr. Norman Lamont, M.P., to be an assistant private secretary (unpaid).

A rifle club in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School at Beckenham, Kent, has been formed, and a sergeant of Volunteers engaged as instructor.

The novel proposal of the Todmorden Council to substitute a line of motor-omnibuses for a proposed tramway to link up with Burnley and Halifax was yesterday considered by a parliamentary committee.

Four hundred pounds of dynamite have been stolen from the manufacturers at Boise, Idaho, U.S.A., the only possible explanation being that it has been taken for the purpose of committing outrages.

In reply to Sir William Evans Gordon, Mr. Gladstone stated yesterday that up to the end of February 139 alien immigrants were refused permission to land, and that of these eighty-eight were Russians.

During excavations near Bath two skeletons in stone coffins and fifty-six Roman coins have been discovered. One coin, of the Constantine period, is exceedingly rare, the British Museum not possessing a specimen.

Owing to the number of claims for compensation against Bermondsey Borough Council from scavengers and other workpeople whose hands get cut while dealing with refuse, the council have decided to make compulsory the wearing of stout leather gloves as a protection.

Isle of Man boarding-house keepers, who have had no difficulty in the past in obtaining licences to sell beer to residents, are disengaged by the statement of the High Bailiff that on the next application for licences he will not be disposed to renew them without legislative authorisation.

Esher and Ditton Council have, on the advice of their medical officer of health, decided to ask all medical men in the district to notify cases of tuberculosis. A fee of half a crown will be allowed for each notification.

Belfast shipwrights withdrew their demand for increased wages yesterday, and the threatened strike has been averted.

The increased tobacco duty was blamed for the £3,507 reduction in the profits of Messrs. Albert Baker and Co., whose meeting was held yesterday.

Mr. Richard Kearton will give a lecture on "Wild Nature's Ways" at Queen's Hall next Monday for the benefit of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Ambassador, who paid a farewell visit to the Foreign Secretary yesterday, will leave London next Monday for a holiday in Japan.

Lord Dunraven has arranged to sell his estates at Adare, Co. Limerick, under the Irish Land Purchase Act, for £153,365, and his lordship proposes to buy back his demesne and stud farm.

At the Hardwick Society's annual ladies' night debate, in Lincoln's Inn Hall on March 23, Mr. J. A. Simon, M.P., will move that canvassing at elections ought to be abolished by law.

At Kerry yesterday Lord Chief Justice O'Brien reduced the sentence of seven years' penal servitude on Thomas Driscoll, convicted of being an accessory after the fact to the murder of his sister, to two years' hard labour.

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WHY GIRLS DO NOT MARRY.

BIGWIGS of every kind are complaining about the drop in the birth-rate and the disinclination of young people to marry as early as they used. Why, then, do they allow so many obstacles to be placed in the way of those who are anxious to get married?

Take the case of the pupil-teacher at Rotherham, who was dismissed for wearing an engagement-ring. Is this sort of treatment likely to encourage girls to look upon wifehood and motherhood as the noblest destiny a woman can hope for?

Will it not rather make them think that they must choose once and for all between work and marriage? Will they not be inclined to view love as being incompatible with an occupation in life?

Does it not in short, condemn to celibacy a large number of unusually intelligent young women who ought to make excellent mothers and wives?

One of the great dangers of women's work is that those who are forced to employ their energies outside the Home may lose the gracious and tender attributes of womanhood. There is a risk of the creation of a Third Sex—women by nature, but men by environment.

The only way to avert this is to keep the door wide open between the Business Life and the Domestic Life, so that they can pass freely and naturally from one to the other.

Any arbitrary restriction upon the freedom of passage, such as a veto upon the wearing of engagement-rings, must have the effect of discouraging marriage.

That is not by any means the only obstacle in the way of marriage, however. In every class but one (and that one the lowest, which has nothing to lose and no care about the quality of its offspring) the standard of means upon which a young couple can marry comfortably has been raised too high.

Does Lord Arthur ask for the hand of Lady Ermyntrude? He is told they cannot possibly exist on less than £5,000 a year.

Even among those who are not so heavily bound with the chains of convention there is something of this spirit. Mary Jane loves young William, but William is a mechanic and does not wear a black coat to work in or make his honest face look ridiculous—under a top-hat.

Mary Jane's parents, therefore, oppose the match; it would be so much nicer, they think, to see her married to little Snivelton who is a pound-a-week clerk and always will be. For Snivelton is a "gentleman," while William is "only a workman."

Such arguments as these keep many girls unmarried all their lives. Many others have to defer their marriages until much later than the natural age, and are often unhappy in consequence.

A girl takes the ups and downs of marriage light-heartedly. An older woman worries and frets. Besides, her habits have been formed in single life, and a husband does not always fit in with them. Result: disillusion and discontent.

Whether the declining birth-rate is a calamity or a blessing is an open question, but there is no doubt about the unadvised—the immorality, even—of putting artificial obstacles, whether of red-tape or social custom, in the way of those who desire to marry.

Those who hold up horrid hands over the Registrar-General's returns ought, if they are in earnest, to do everything they can to remove all hindrances to young people meeting freely and marrying freely. They might do worse than give the mother of every healthy child a premium, and an old-age pension proportionate to the number of her family.

She would have done as much service to the State and have deserved a pension quite as well as the clerks who sleep in Government offices all day long.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Poorly sits by the cradle of our great men and rocks them up to manhood.—Heine.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

MR. WILLIAM LE QUEUX'S new novel, which began in the "Daily Mail" yesterday, has had the honour of a mention in Parliament, and the Prime Minister has expressed a disapproval of its tendencies which the author has boldly challenged in a letter to the "Times." Probably Mr. Le Queux's reputation—a reputation gained by a long career as a newspaper correspondent—has convinced timid people that he is possessed of most of the secrets of European diplomacy and knows too much to be allowed to speak.

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His great knowledge of languages has enabled him to penetrate into many places generally closed to Englishmen. He can both speak and write in French, German, and Italian almost as well as in English, and has, in fact, very often written for foreign newspapers. His wife is an Italian lady constantly seen in Florentine society, and he is himself as well known there as he is in England, especially since the excellent work he did, in the way of persuasive appeals, for the sufferers from the terrible earthquakes in Calabria last year.

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Mr. Le Queux gets through a stupendous quantity of work, and would probably agree with the maxim that men ought to get more to do than they

were indeed "no good at it." So he threw his paints and palette over one of the bridges of the Seine and began to write; encouraged by friends like Zola and Daudet—men learned in the art of living on nothing at all, for Zola began as a packer of books for Hachette, the publishers, and Daudet had known what it was to walk about the streets with the mud and rain soaking into his miserable boots.

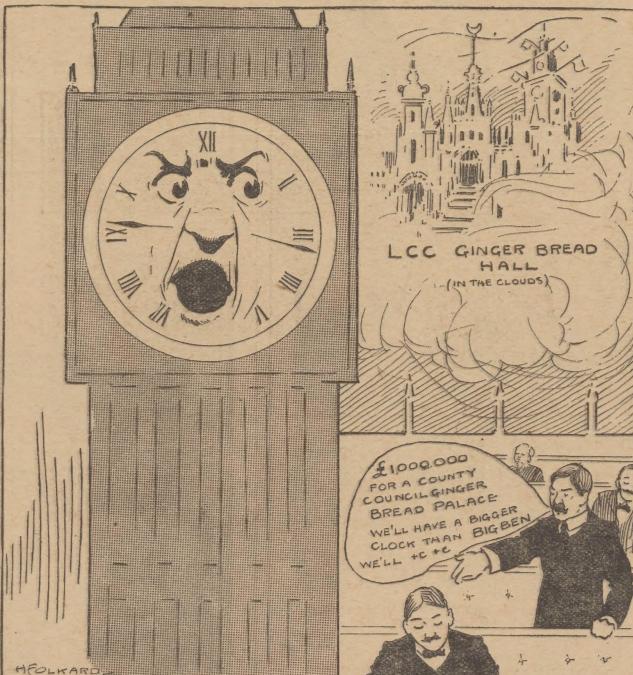
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The death of Mr. T. Sands, who for many years served Queen Victoria as State postillion, reminds me of a curious story told about the death of another of her old servants—a story with which, strangely enough, Mr. Le Queux himself had something to do. He was employed—I think as sub-editor—on the "Globe" at the time. One evening a telegram was handed to him worded thus: "Her Majesty died at Windsor to-day at 11 a.m." Sensation in the office, running hither and thither, shouts, excretions, and preparations for black borders and a universal mourning!

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But fortunately a few people kept their heads, and thought it worth while to make inquiries. For many minutes nothing was either confirmed or denied, until one of the Exchange Telegraph Company's inspectors happened to turn up. He was seized and questioned, and at once handed them the

THE SPEECH WHICH STOPPED BIG BEN!



Big Ben, the clock in the great tower at Westminster, stopped at 9.17 on Tuesday night. Various reasons have been suggested. The real one was that just at this moment it heard Sir Edwin Cornwall telling the House of Commons below that the L.C.C. propose to spend a million sterling upon their new offices. The sum was so staggering that Big Ben could not go on!

can possibly manage, and then proceed to do it. I have heard that he is engaged to write novels for hire in the uncertain future, even beyond that time when, as he seems to hint, our homes may be inherited by the powerful Germans. Yet when he began to write Mr. Le Queux found it impossible to get hired. He had intended to be a painter, and had gone to be trained in Paris, the penniless Bohemian's paradise, where, according to Mr. Robert Sherard, starvation was made easier than in any other city in the world.

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One cannot help thinking—this by way of parenthesis—that Paris must, in spite of that recommendation, be an exceedingly tantalising place in which to go hungry; for there, on all sides, and at every turn, the hungry man has to pass temptation in the form of countless cake-shops, quite full of indescribably attractive cakes—brioches, madeleines, fresh and smoking every morning. Whereas in London, if you have to starve you are only solicited by English buns—those impossible, stodgy things—and by hanging haunches of meat, and neither of these things could tempt even a dying Bohemian.

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But Mr. Le Queux, to return to him, was warned by his friends in Paris, after some five years of study there, that nothing was to be made of painting. Meanwhile he had convinced himself that

remainder of the message which the "Globe" had only received in a mutilated form. It ran: "John Frayling, coachman to her Majesty—". It was the coachman, not the Queen, who had died.

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A great honour is being done to the memory of the late Mr. C. W. Furse, the well-known painter, whose days were cut off so early in life, by the exhibition of his works, which the Burlington Fine Arts Club are giving in the evenings. The club very seldom cares to display modern artists' work, and Mr. Furse's pictures have only been presented on these walls by the unmistakable masterpiece of Venetian and Siamese painters. The pictures are full of interest and variety, and the fine, sober portrait of Lord Roberts on horseback would alone suffice to draw all who can secure admissions to the club.

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The stopping of Big Ben, the most important of public timekeepers, is a rare event in London, and always causes considerable disorganisation to hundreds of private watches that are regulated by his compound inimitability. People passing on the outside of omnibuses, on foot, or hurrying by in cabs, nearly always look to see whether their time coincides with Big Ben's, and, if he has stopped, they all carefully put their watches back until, some twenty minutes after the stoppage, they begin to realise that the great authority on the subject is wrong for once.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

AN M.P. FOR CLERKS.

I heartily endorse the views of "A Conservative Clerk." It is high time that clerks had a representative in the House to look after their interests.

At the time the general election was being fought we heard on all sides the cry of "retrenchment" and "economy," and we were told that the return of a Liberal Government would mean the deliverance of the long-suffering taxpayer.

Well, the Liberals have been returned with the largest majority on record, and the first use they make of it is to pass a resolution in favour of paying members a salary of £300 a year each, with a suggestion thrown in that the nation shall pay the expenses of election.

On whose shoulders, may I ask, will fall the burden of increased taxation? Not upon those of the working man—who pays neither rates nor taxes, who gets his railway travelling for next to nothing, who has no appearance to keep up—nor upon the well-to-do man.

It is the clerk, who has to keep up a gentlemanly appearance on a small salary, who will feel the pinch.

A LIBERAL.

Devonshire-road.

It has been argued by many that nothing can be done for clerks. I beg to differ. A great improvement will take place if they will join the recognised trade union, viz., the National Union of Clerks.

Organise in better numbers, throw away all pride and become trade unionists. Certainly the clerks should be represented in Parliament. I believe our good friend, Captain Cecil Norton, M.P., will do all in his power.

Some of the many grievances are: Long hours, inadequate wages, inadequate pay for overtime, and stuffy offices. Let us remember that the labourer is worthy of his hire.

A. J. SMITH, L.T.C.

Great Dover-street, S.E.

DOES MAN POSSESS FREE WILL?

Man during his lease of life is limited in his use of free will by God's covenants, restrictions, and stipulations, the most stringent of these being the moral law.

Systematic subjection of the baser faculties and strenuous avoidance of undue dissipation of energy cannot be too sternly insisted upon.

One of your correspondents inquires why men think and act so differently. There is only one process of thinking. Difference in character arises from the varying degrees in which we have exercised particular faculties or combinations of faculties.

Man should remember that misuse of alcohol "commutes the phosphorus of the brain," and that faith, hope, and charity are the mainsprings of mental health.

C. T. TAYLOR.

47, Mark-lane, E.C.

HOW TO EAT SNAILS.

With reference to the pronouncement of Canon Horsley on snails, if any of your readers are "short-winded" and would eat snails they would find a great relief; they are noted "lung servers."

I have eaten snails all my life and know their benefit. They are a luxury if cooked properly.

I place them in a pail of cold water with a medium lump of salt, and after stirring them round give them a good swill under the tap. Then I place them in the saucier with another lump of salt and let them boil. Then I wash them in a bowl of warm water, take them from their shells (as you would winkles), sprinkle pepper, salt, and vinegar, and you have a meal and medicine combined.

C. U. E. A. B.

Bristol.

THE WHITE HERON.

In certain parts of Scotland the peasants believe that the souls of dead people pass into the birds.

At midnight hour a bird comes flying beneath the moon on broad white wings, and in the air a sound of sighing, as of forlorn, unhappy things.

Within the forest's silent places a convent bell gives solemn toll, as if to guard through unknown spaces the lonely passage of the soul.

Soon with the dawn there will awaken The deer, the flowers, and all sweet things, These hast thou evermore forsaken And flown on broad eternal wings.

M. C. L.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 14.—The beautiful flowers of early spring peer through the unwelcome snow. Fairest of all are the chionodoxas, their delicate blue blossoms looking very lovely against the white ground. And many pale primroses and half-opened violets are to be seen down the woodland walk, looking out across the wintry world.

But, save in cold places, the snow does not lie. By midday we are picking the first trumpet daffodils, watching the flowering currant open its red blossoms, welcoming the early pansy. Crocuses open their furtive buds in thousands, and on the rockery the purple rockfoil and brilliant Alpine heather remind us that spring is really here.

E. P. T.

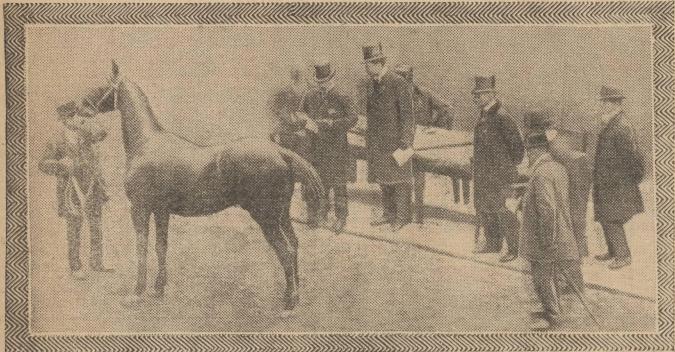
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VISCOUNT VILLIERS' ENGAGEMENT.



The engagement is announced of Viscount Villiers, eldest son of the Earl of Jersey, of Osterley Park, Isleworth, to Miss Ivy Gordon-Lennox, only child of Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, of Broughton Castle, Banbury.—(Lallie Charles.)

JUDGING FOR THE KING'S PREMIUM.



"Sir Charles" passing before the judges at the Thoroughbred and Hunter Show at the Agricultural Hall in the competition for the King's Premium of £150.

No. 31.—AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS' COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photographs to the *Daily Mirror*. For each one used 10s. 6d. will be paid, and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the picture adjudged by the Editor to be the best. No. 31, sent by Mr. B. E. Smith, H.M.S. Cumberland, 2nd Cruiser Squadron, depicts a tableau on board ship entitled "An Allegory of War."

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(1 and 2) Scenes at Barnes, where the roads were flooded during high water. (3) To the Scarborough promenade. (4) Seas breaking over the promenade on the South Pier at Scarborough. (5) The Pier Pavilion at Scarborough suffered severely from the gales. The towpath at the Ship at Mortlake, where the University Boatrace finishes, was

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flooded. (7) House near Chirk Castle Quarries, Denbighshire, nearly buried in snow. (8) Mountain road near Chirk, 800ft. above sea level, impassable above through snow. (9) £2,500 damage was done to Hornsea (Yorkshire) promenade by the heavy sea. (10) Market-street, Herne Bay.

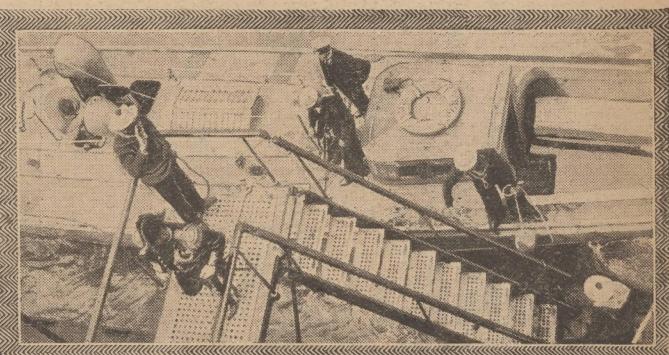
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LORD ROBERTS WANTS BOYS TO DRILL.



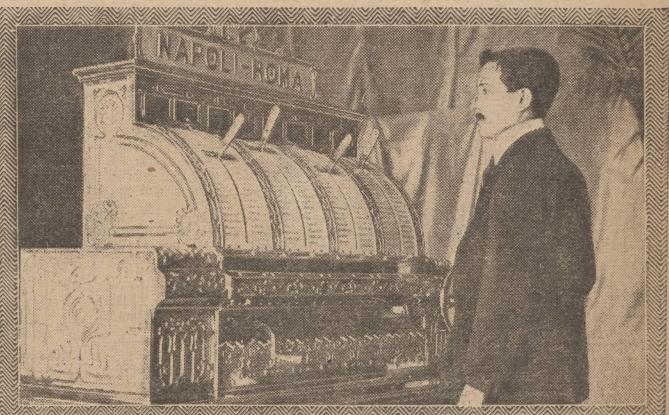
Lord Roberts and Mr. Bennett Burleigh, the war correspondent, entering 83, Lancaster-gate, yesterday, to attend a meeting of the Lads' Drill Association, in which the veteran field-marshal is deeply interested.

PICKET BOAT OF H.M.S. DUNCAN.



Photograph of the picket boat of H.M.S. Duncan, from which four men were lost in the disaster at Berehaven, taken from the deck of a French battleship.—(Cribb.)

RAILWAY TICKETS FROM A SLOT MACHINE.



Above is the Tesserograph and the inventor, Count Piscicelli. It is an automatic booking-office, to be used at all the railway stations at Rome, which both prints a ticket and records the receipt of the fare. A machine is on view at the Savoy Hotel.

By Right of Love.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

PAUL CHESTER, a clever, handsome young man, with great political ambitions.

LADY SUSAN CHESTER, his wife.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF BERKSHIRE, the coming Prime Minister and his wife.

RUPERT TEMPLE, the Duke's private secretary.

ROBERT AYLMER, cousin to Lady Susan Chester, whom he loves.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Henrietta flushed and glanced at the other with startled eyes. Perhaps she had not expected such a straight appeal to be made to her, for this was not the mere cry of a jealous woman—it was something more; it was a direct challenge.

"What right have you to ask me such a question, Lady Susan?" she demanded slowly. "Do you imagine for one instant that I am in love with your husband—that I want to take him from you? If so, you have misinterpreted my sentiments, and misinterpreted them very cruelly. You have wronged me shamefully!"

She put on the manner of an outraged child; she washed her hands in innocence, and her amber eyes looked absolutely clear and truthful; her lovely mouth quivered.

Susan glanced at her, puzzled. What was she to make of this incomprehensible creature—this woman who could face her with such apparent candour?

"Forgive me if I have wronged you in any way," she murmured irresolutely, "but I fail to see why my husband should interest you so much, or why you should be so anxious to help him on in his career. There is no reason for you to wish him—he is to you—what would he ever be? You, bright as you were, in the purple—he, a son of the people." She gained courage as she went on speaking. "I don't understand the whole condition of affairs," she continued, "why you asked Paul to stay here, or anything else."

Henrietta's face hardened and grew cruel, but she forced a faint smile.

"Of course, you don't understand—why should you?" she murmured. "Sit down in that chair"—she pointed out a big armchair—"and listen to me quietly for a few moments. It will be better for both of us in the end if we understand each other now."

Susan obeyed. She sat down quietly enough in the big chair, ready to listen to what the Duchess would say. She didn't trust Henrietta, for she had a strange, almost clairvoyant insight in the other's heart, and she never doubted that the beautiful creature would concoct some plausible tale and endeavour to throw dust in her eyes. She hated herself now because she had asked Henrietta to tell her what she really wanted with Paul—how incredibly foolish such a question must have sounded!

"I have taken your husband up"—Henrietta crossed over to where Susan sat and stood directly in front of her—"because he is the cleverest man I have ever come across in my life, and I honestly believe that, given a fair chance, he will do great things for his country." She spoke with absolute conviction, and so far, to give her her due, she was only stating what she believed to be the truth.

"It has always been my ambition," she went on slowly, "to find—to make someone. Naturally I am proud of my husband—what wife wouldn't be? But he didn't come to his high place by accident. He was born great, if you understand what I mean. For generations and generations his family have played their part in the political history of England and the world—have been strong and splendid bulwarks of the nation. Naturally the Duke follows in the steps of his predecessors, puts on their mantle, takes up their sceptre. And there's no excitement, don't you see?"—her voice grew low and intense—"in assisting at the coronation of a legitimate monarch. It is the soldier of fortune who finally carves his way to a throne whom it is so interesting to have helped."

She paused and clasped her hands tightly together.

"And your husband wants a woman to help him—they all do, every man of them," she went on. "For it is women who inspire men to great deeds." She laughed, soft, delicate laughter.

"What shall I promise you for Mr. Chester?" she asked slowly. "Shall I tell you he may be Premier of England one day, that the whole big world will listen to his voice—for he is going to do great and wonderful things in the future, of that I feel assured, convinced."

"With your assistance," Susan remarked quietly. Henrietta nodded her head.

"Certainly," she replied. Then she leaned down and looked Susan in the eyes. "Why did you never try to help him yourself?" she asked in low tones. "Then he would have had no need of my influence, for you have friends in high places just as I have. Lord Larkminster is your cousin, the Duke of Sefton your uncle. You could have done a lot for Paul if you had wanted to, but you left everything, you see, for me to do."

There was malice, there was triumph, in her voice as she said the last words, and she marked how Susan flushed.

"You had your chance, you know—the chance to be of use to Mr. Chester—he had it and lost it.

For it is to me he will come now in all critical

moments of his life—in grave and trying situations. Not as a lover—good gracious! what do I want with a lover?" She stamped her little foot. "Men have made love to me in their own foolish fashion till I am sick of the word, and I loathe them all. I'm a true enough wife to my husband, I would have you know, that, Lady Susan."

She paused, she was trembling and quivering all over. She had said far more than she had meant to say.

Susan was trembling, too. A long silence fell, a silence both women were unwilling to break.

All at once Susan raised her head and said in weary tones:

"Yes, you are quite right, Duchess. I could have been of great service to Paul in the past. I know that, but I never tried to be, so he has gone to someone else, and I oughtn't to blame him for doing so, I suppose."

Henrietta shrugged her shoulders.

"Blame him or not, just as you please, what does it matter to me," she answered, "or perhaps to him?"

"Matter? Why, nothing at all," returned Susan steadily. She rose from her chair. "I think I see how matters stand," she went on, "and I believe that you really want to help Paul to success—to power. You have no wish to fool him as you have fooled so many other men. He's not to dance attendance on you—to be a mere carpet knight. You want to make him—great."

Her eyes dilated as she spoke, her face quivered.

"That's so," Henrietta nodded curiously. "I am more ambitious for Paul Chester than I have ever been for myself," she went on, "and that's saying a good deal."

"I believe you are speaking the truth," Susan spoke very slowly, very quietly, then she came close up to Henrietta, so close that their faces almost touched. "But what are you going to ask of Paul for all you are willing to do for him?" she went on. "What is the price you put upon your services?"

"No price at all," returned Henrietta, with a calm, magnificent smile, "only the knowledge that I shall possess his devoted friendship, and that there won't be a secret in his political life he will not share with me. He will tell me of his dreams, his hopes, his fears," she gazed at Susan defiantly, "Have you anything to say to this?" she asked recklessly, "any claim to put forward superior to mine?"

"No claim at all," returned the other woman—"so long as you help Paul to climb the great ladder, and that the relationship between you is an honourable one. But I warn you of one thing, Duchess." She held up a white trembling hand. "If at any moment you desert my husband, or play him false, push him back instead of leading him onwards, or tempt him to play a disreputable part—oh, beware of me—beware!"

The last words of her speech, melodramatic as they may have been, did not sound melodramatic as she said them, but were full of fierce warning—of almost tragic passion.

Henrietta cast down her eyes.

"Trust your husband's future to me," she said softly. "Do you think I am the sort of woman who would play my friend false? I tell you there's nothing I wouldn't do to help Mr. Chester on—nothing."

There was a ring of absolute truth in her voice, and Susan recognised this, and knew that there was no fear of the Duchess befooling Chester, and making him a mere follower in her train. She wanted to crown him a king of men—so much was evident. She was fiercely ambitious for his honour.

Henrietta cast down her hand.

"Good-bye, Duchess!" she said simply. "From to-day I must try and look upon you in a new light—as my husband's friend. But remember what I've said to you and don't fail him."

Henrietta smiled. The light of battle was in her eyes, and she felt as if she had been fighting a duel. No pity was in her heart for the other woman, nothing but supreme contempt for the foolish wife who had allowed her husband to drift from her and now saw fit to repeat:

"Then you are really leaving by the 3.30?" She clung to Susan's hand, pressing it tightly. "You have asked me several questions," she murmured, "will you mind if I ask you one? Why did you make no effort to help Mr. Chester in the past? You have plenty of influence, and you love him, I suppose?"

Susan flushed to her brows and pulled her hand away. The other's fingers scorched and stung her.

"Paul married me—for that," she muttered, "just to make a stepping-stone of me to power, and I thought, till I found out the truth, he had married me for love. Now do you understand why I never stirred a finger to help him?" Her voice rose shrill and fierce. "Do you understand?"

"Yes," returned Henrietta slowly. She looked curiously at Susan, then veiled her eyes to hide the triumph in them. "Of course I understand. You pride forbade you. You did right."

She trailed out of the room on the words, closing the door softly behind her.

Susan, left alone, glanced blankly about her. What had she and Henrietta been saying to each other? She felt faint and dazed. The slow drip of her tears brought her back to herself, and she brushed her wet cheeks impatiently.

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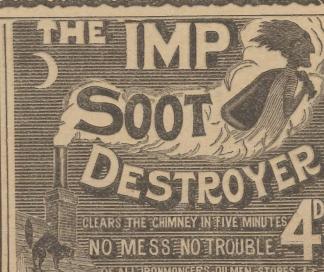
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THE MONEY MARKET.

Paris Hoarding Gold Till Morocco

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NEXT TO NO BUSINESS.

CAPEL COURT, Wednesday Evening.—Markets are in a lamentable condition as regards business. In fact, there was next to no business done to-day. Dealers reminded each other that they were in the middle of a nineteen-day account, and asked what could be expected. The tone was moderately satisfactory, perhaps, in the circumstances. But there was less confidence expressed in regard to the money position. Paris appeared in the open market as an inquirer for gold. And, of course, the market does not like the chance of London losing much of the gold arriving.

They say that the Paris inquiry for gold is due to the coming of the Russian loan. Yet, if only the Algeciras Conference were settled, it would be quickly realised that there is a glut of gold in Paris, and that the accumulations during the period of political uncertainty, month or two ago were made to make the most adequate preparations for any possible Russian loan. However, Paris is the doubtful influence in the money market at the moment, and that being the case it was, of course, only to be expected that Consols should show a polite appreciation of the fact; and this the stock did by closing unchanged after having been a little better.

GOOD HOME RAILWAY TRAFFICS.

There was an array of Home Railway traffics good enough to put heart into any market worth calling a market. But the Home Railway section is a thing lacking spirit and enterprise nowadays, and the traffics were just mildly appreciated, and that is about all that could be said for them. Prices were perhaps a shade better, but there were exceptions, and, as regards Scottish stocks, the talk about new capital seemed to keep things in check.

Whether or not there is any truth in the rumours that the great Pennsylvania coal strike is not likely to come off, at all events the American Railway market was in slightly better condition.

Canadian Rails, too, seemed to be rather more sanguine.

FOREIGN BOURSES FIRM.

Home Railways were not the only railways to enjoy good traffics. There were some remarkable showings by the foreign lines, especially by one or two of those in Argentina. The Brazilian group, too, was firm, and here a certain amount of satisfaction was derived from the fact that at last the Leopoldina, now that the floods are over, shows signs of recovering its lost ground.

The Foreign bourses certainly do not show any anxiety as to the outcome of the Morocco Conference. Foreign stocks keep very firm, and there is a tendency to improve the leading copper shares, owing to the scarcity of the metal. It was said that sinking fund purchases were being made in connection with Brazilians, and this certainly influenced favourably the Brazilian group.

MINING SECTIONS IDLE.

Whether it is due to the appointment of the recent commission or not, the canal group seems to be galvanised into a certain amount of life, and several canal securities are on the up grade. For the rest, the speculative movement seems to run upon the Canadian land group. The official denial of any Hudson's Bay splitting scheme was no check. And there is a certain amount of buying of the Chinese speculative shares on the finding of coal on the Pekin Syndicate property.

Kafirs were drooping towards the close, after there had been a little attempt to rally them. The Government will give no indication of its policy in regard to Chinese labour, and this, of course, does not help the Kafir market. Other mining sections are very idle, and, perhaps, for the most part inclined to a lower level. The Rhodesian gold output for February was 33,037 ounces.

DUNLOP TYRES' CAPITAL.

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Mr. Harvey du Cros, the chairman, in submitting the scheme, referred to the friendly attitude of the shareholders, in relation to the various schemes of reorganisation which had been laid before them from time to time. The primary object of the company, he said, was to pay dividends on all classes of shares. Proxies either in favour of or not opposed to the present scheme had been received representing a total of 2,721,339 shares. The proxies against represented 34,176 shares only.

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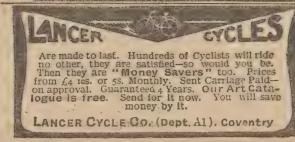
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